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**GEN. GRANT'S condition does not improve.**

The Press has done some good at Plainville anyway. The Echo of the last two weeks actually could be read.

The Wichita Eagle is rather hard on our last body of law makers. It calls them the "big fool legislature."

AND NOW they are having a speck of war down on the Isthmus of Panama. Our Democratic government has sent a ship thither to protect United States interests.

G. W. NIMOCKS, of great Bend, has been appointed judge of the 20th district, which was created the past winter.

MUCH damage is reported by the settler as the result of a prairie fire which recently came within half a mile of reaching Ludell, Rawlins county, from the north.

DR. NEALLEY has kindly remembered us with a copy of the biennial report of the directors and warden of the state penitentiary for the fiscal years 1883 and 1884.

A SON of one of the professors at Columbian University in Washington died suddenly a few days ago from what physicians pronounce depression of the heart caused by sucking cigarettes and inhaling the smoke.

Gov. MARTIN'S Arbor Day proclamation is a happy contribution to the literature of the season. April 2nd is the day appointed. It is to be hoped that it will be generally observed through the state, but emphatically in the west end.

In several of the back counties of W. Virginia, stock is said to be dying for want of feed, and many of the people are on the verge of death by starvation. What may never occur there again happened last year in the shape of a drouth.

WEIGH well these words: He who at this time persists in straight farming in this immediate section of Kansas willfully applies the knife to his own financial throat. Stock farming here is intelligent farming. Straight farming here is ignorant farming. Ignorant farming never did pay anywhere, and it never will.

THE Westphalia Democrat, over in the eastern end of this state, announces with great gravity that "President Cleveland, in his cabinet appointments, has chosen for secretary of the navy Wm. C. Whitney, a second cousin of our foreman, Miss Adele Reed." It will be just like some folks to exclaim, Bully for Miss Reed!

A FEW men out here — perhaps one in every hundred — persist in playing the role of hypochondriacal jackasses. If anybody builds a house, these select men place an imaginary corpse in it. If anybody plows a piece of ground, these smart fellows see in the move the destruction of the stock interests. With them, what is wrong, and what can not be right. There are no females in the lot, and the breed is running out.

THE XVIIth Amendment is the name of a paper at Buffalo, N. Y. It proposes that the sixteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States shall read: "Section 1. Neither distilled or fermented liquors shall be made, imported, transported, sold or used for drinking purposes within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction. Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. The Amendment newspaper is also severe on the use of tobacco. It is right.

A QUESTION of no little importance just now is whether county clerks are legally authorized to certify and record pension certificates. Attorney General Garland has sent from Washington to our Kansas attorney general to ascertain what the law in this state is. The Commonwealth wants to know in the event of its being determined that county clerks are not authorized to certify and record pension certificates, what is to be done about receiving the money which has thus been paid to pensioners. The recipients will keep it.

#### STRIKES AND STRIKERS.

Held over from last week.

Our latest advices at this writing (Wednesday) is to the effect that the Missouri Pacific railway management have so far deferred to the demands of the strikers as to promise a restoration of the wages which were being paid in September last, and not to throw out of employment any of the present strikers. This pleasant turn of affairs seems to be the direct result of a conference which was held at St. Louis on Monday between Governor Martin, of Kansas, Governor Marmaduke, of Missouri, and the railroad commissioners of Kansas and Missouri. As yet, only a small portion of the strikers have resumed work, because of their desire to have the railroad officials bind themselves legally for the performance of their promise. Whether this demand will be granted, is yet in doubt.

It is a matter of congratulation that this strike is about to end. Its dimensions have been extensive, involving largely the states of Kansas, Missouri, Texas and Indian Territory. Business along the M. P. railway was almost entirely suspended. Much loss of perishable property in shipment was a result. In Texas, the necessities of life had almost given out at many points.

All this menace to the commercial interests of the country should be provided against by national legislation.

On the other hand, as a matter of moral principle, we have no doubt that the strikers were right. A railroad corporation believed that it had them by the throats. It had made three reductions in the wages of employees since last September, without consulting the employers or lessening their labors. The trouble with the position of the strikers is that they set themselves up as autocrats whenever they dictate that they shall be retained in the employ of any man, men or company. The way out of the network of difficulty which presents itself lies in the thorough training of railroad employees for their work, in a continuance of their present labor organizations, and striking whenever they feel like doing so. But here must be a departure from the present practice. If good grounds exist for striking, and the employer can not be brought to terms, the strikers should give way to such new hands as the employers may select. If these new hands are thoroughly qualified for the work, no one has been wronged. If they are not, they can soon be displaced by competent men; because railroad wrecks and other accidents can be used against them and their employer in so forcible a manner as to secure, in the end, the employment of only safe, intelligent men. Laborers of honor and ability are simply no better nor no worse than their employers of like character. Both classes have rights which must be respected. Both are liable to commit wrongs which society, as a whole, can not tolerate.

#### DEAD FOR ALL TIME.

Doctor Neely, it seems, reserved some kind of a fifty feet in the soldiers' home tract which was made by him to the city of Leavenworth. It seems that he has now decided to the city that fifty feet. The Times, which hates the doctor, now claims that if Neely had not made this reservation of fifty feet in the first place, the \$50,000 appropriation would have become a law. That bill was too full of grab and steal to become a law. The less which its friends say of it from now on, the better it will be for Leavenworth. She missed narrowly the past winter getting a \$50,000 grab. She never again can approach the point of success. The people of the state are now awakened on the subject. In the campaign of 1886 it will be equivalent to the defeat of any candidate in central or western Kansas for him to avow his fealty to that steal. None of them will be caught making such an avowal either. Mark our words.

#### KANSAS PATENTS.

S. A. Haseltine & Bro., patent solicitors, Springfield, Missouri, send the WORLD the following list of patents which were issued to citizens of this state during the past week:

R. C. Moore, Holton, filter.  
C. A. Rickard, Ottawa, steam-boiler feeder.

Wm. Schwartz, Louisburg, feed-water heater.

M. F. Ellis, Atchison, brick for veneering frame houses and other wooden buildings.

#### Married.

At the residence of the bride's cousin, Mr. J. G. Martin, near Westport, Mo., Thursday evening, March 19, 1885, Mr. Lee Monroe and Miss Lilla Day Moore, Rev. — Givens officiating.

The happy couple arrived in Wa-Keeney last Sunday evening. The WORLD thought that nothing short of something exceedingly significant could have taken Lee away from the cares of business for a whole week. He and his wife have taken rooms at the Union House, where they will remain until the Monroe residence is vacated by its present occupants.

There is no need of running our pencil across much paper in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe. Mr. Monroe is well-educated, well-behaved, attentive to business, and is bound to win in the race of life. Mrs. Monroe is a sister of our esteemed townsman, Mr. T. R. Moore, the railway station agent and proprietor of the Commercial House, and Wa-Keeney society will be delighted with her acquisition to its numbers.

#### The Exhibition.

Reported for the Western Kansas World.

Together with others who are interested in our schools, we attended the exhibition, and willingly paid for our reserved chair to see and hear the whole performance. For fear that our report will never come to print, if it is too long, I will make it as brief as possible.

The exercises, as a whole, were very creditable, speaking well for the care and training of those taking part, as well as for the zeal of our teachers, who voluntarily undertook this extra work for the benefit of the school, for the proceeds are to be used in the purchase of an organ.

We would like to mention each piece in detail, but our space forbids; only a few can be mentioned.

The opening of the exercises by the primary school repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert, with eyes uplifted and hands clasped, was a very pretty sight, and appropriate. While in position they sang a song of welcome.

Next a good recitation of the same subject by four little boys.

"Froggy and his Friends."—The frog would have been proud of his little friends, had they heard them speak, and seen them hop off the stage. The two little colored girls who recited the ditty, "The New Bonnet," did well.

Special mention must be made of the Alphabetical Roundelay, by 23 little girls and 4 boys. Anything that is spectacular in such an entertainment is the most appreciated by the audience. Each one performed his part well, singing loud enough to be heard.

"Bees, Clocks and Brooms," as types of industry, was delivered in a very brilliant and spirited manner.

Nor would we forget the little "Peek a Boo" song.

Concert recitation by a class of eight girls, entitled "Children of all Ages," was well received.

Recitation, "Excelsior," was well rendered by Miss Ruth Welch.

A very good selection, "Our Centennial," was somewhat marred by the noise outside. The wind and tin roof, making such a terrible noise, drowned the voices of the fair ones on the stage, and much of the good effect was lost.

"The Army and Navy," by forty-four characters, was well appreciated.

"The Ghost in White," by eight young ladies; one would imagine they were attending some fashionable boarding school, they seemed so familiar with the tricks and sports of such places. The audience was delighted.

"A Lesson Well Worth Remembering" was well played and enjoyed.

The climax was in the last piece, "Stage Struck," in three acts. The dramatic persons, Miss Viola Welch, Miss Nora Gleason, Masters Carson and Stay, were well selected, and carried out their parts well.

The different selections were brought on the stage without much delay, and the exercises were all enjoyed by the listeners. If there is any criticism, it would be that the program was too long, which is usually the case where so many have to take part, as is necessary in an entertainment of this kind. Part of the audience leaves before all the pieces are presented, which is discouraging to those who take part and a loss to those leaving.

The net receipts were \$17.65.

Garden makers are profuse with calculations.

#### The Camp Fire.

Following is the program of exercises to be observed on the 28th inst., at the Camp Fire at Ness City, held under the auspices of Sherman Post No. 30, G. A. R.:

ASSEMBLY WILL BE SOUNDED At 10 o'clock a. m., at which time it is expected that all of the old soldiers and sailors of the county will convene at the Opera House, where the forenoon will be spent in social chat. At 12 o'clock the

DINNER CALL Will summon the boys to one more meal of "pork and beans," pure and simple.

At 1:30 p. m. the meeting will be called to order, when the following program will be carried out, as near as may be:

Opening Prayer..... Chaplain Brown  
Song..... Scholastic Glee Club  
Address of Welcome..... Post Commander  
Select Reading..... Junior Vice Commander  
Anecdote..... Adjutant  
Song..... Ness City Glee Club  
Speech..... Sam A. Smith  
Recitation..... Officer of the Day  
Address of Welcome..... Comrade Linville  
Song..... Scholastic Glee Club  
Oration..... Hon. W. S. Tilton  
Song..... Ness City Glee Club  
Address..... Mrs. Carrie E. Faxon  
Remarks..... Gilmore Kinney  
Song..... Scholastic Glee Club  
Five minute speeches by the G. A. R.  
Boys and old soldiers.  
Song—Marching Through Georgia, Scholastic and Ness City Glee Clubs.  
All present are invited to join in swelling the chorus.

The following comrades have been appointed as a committee on providing and preparing dinner: A. S. Dickson, J. E. Heizer, Wm. Grisson, J. F. C. McCaslin and John Stephens.

—Up in Collyer township, recently the 8-year-old boy J. W. Burns was standing at the top of a 16-foot ladder. The top of the ladder leaned against a section of a hay stack, which had been cut from the main stack. While the boy occupied that position, the cut-off section fell, precipitating the ladder to the ground, with the boy under the ladder. At first, the little fellow was supposed to be killed; but, after having a very sore arm for several days, he has recovered.

—W. B. Kritchfield has at his store what he calls a carpet exhibitor. It is handsome, and consists of four sides lined with glass, whereby the square piece of carpet which is placed inside the square is reflected to the right, left, front and back, so as to show how it is fitted. Kritchfield has two dozen kinds of carpet samples, and no reason exists for a person not ordering as intelligently of him as of a person in a house filled with carpets.

—Not long ago, in the south part of Graham county, as one of Mr. Stephen Van Dyke's boys was in the act of shooting a rabbit from the wagon, the gun hammer caught in the tail of his father's overcoat, with the effect of sending the charge of shot through a side of the boy's neck. Fortunately, the wound was not mortal, and the boy is around now, but the balls have not all been extracted.

—It is about determined by the sheep men that they will have a public shearing at this place this spring. In due season, the announcement will appear in the WORLD. The shearing can not be otherwise than a grand triumph. The ice was broken by the shearing of last spring, and this time the competitors for premiums and honors will be thick.

—S. C. Robb, G. W. Cross and Judge Conger made the regular quarterly inspection of Treasurer Kelly's books on Wednesday and Thursday. Of course, it is unnecessary for us to add that they were found as straight as a thoroughly-stretched string.

—A new petition for Dr. Nealley's retention as surgeon of the state penitentiary was circulated in town this week, and numerous signed. This petition is directed to the warden and directors of the penitentiary.

—Mr. J. H. March, the banker, is having a building 20x30 feet erected on his lot, between Osborne & Monroe's and Wagner & Grim's. He expects to have it ready for occupancy in the course of ten days or a fortnight.

—Warren has been here again this week. This time he has bought of Harrison not far from 12,000 pounds of hides. We have not heard from other persons of whom he has made purchases. Warren is making monthly trips to this place.

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